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**REMARKS**

In the Action, a number of the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for one reason or another. By this Amendment, however, all of the original claims have been cancelled and a set of new claims submitted in their place. The new claims have been drafted and submitted with the Examiner's comments in mind and are believed to be in proper form and not subject to objection under §112.

In the drawings, the Examiner commented on three reference numerals, namely reference numerals 16, 20 and 32. Those comments have been taken into account and a new set of drawings have been submitted. In the drawings, reference numeral 16 has been added and reference numeral 32 has been deleted. Reference numeral 20 has been indicated as referring to the appropriate structure.

The Examiner also objected to the fact that the gasket member was not shown in the drawings. In response, a gasket member has been indicated in two of the figures in the drawings, and thus it is believed that the Examiner's objection to the drawings on that basis has been overcome.

On the merits, claims 1-3 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Dawson patent (U.S. 5,018,223). In addition, claims 4, 5, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Dawson '223 patent. In response, by this Amendment, all of the original nine claims submitted with the application have been withdrawn and new claims 10 and 11 substituted therefor. New claim 10 is an independent apparatus claim and new claim 11 is an independent method claim.

The Applicant's invention as defined by the claims comprises both a mirror head assembly and a method of manufacturing that mirror head assembly. The mirror head assembly includes a housing member, a lens member, and a gasket member. The housing

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member has an open front in which the lens member is positioned. The lens member has a plurality of tab members around its edge or periphery that are positioned within slotted apertures in a peripheral ledge on the housing member around the opening. The gasket member is positioned on the housing and in particular on the ledge member covering the slotted apertures in which the tab members are positioned. The gasket member prevents water and other environmental debris from entering the housing and possibly fogging or ruining the lens member.

The housing and lens member are both made from a plastic material, while the gasket member is made from a rubber or elastomeric material. The lens member also has a reflective surface which provides the "mirror" of the mirror head assembly.

It is submitted that the Applicant's apparatus and method of manufacture are not disclosed or suggested by any of the cited references, particularly the Dawson '223 reference, which was the main reference cited by the Examiner. There are a number of structural and process features set forth in claims 10 and 11 which are not disclosed or suggested by the Dawson '223 patent. The Dawson patent relates to goggles, particularly for skiing or other sports activity in which a lens member is positioned in a perimetral frame. A frame is substantially different from the housing member defined in the claims, however, and the lens member does not have a mirrored surface. The Dawson '223 patent also does disclose in any way the presence of a gasket member covering slotted apertures in which tab members of the lens member are positioned.

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It is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 10 and 11, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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